

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 26, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the pending Office Action, claims 5, 7, 8, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al. (US 6124907, hereinafter 'Jones'). In order to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been canceled. As the remaining claims have been allowed, Applicants submit that the application is in clear condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under

37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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